

BIRD BANDING DEPARTMENT

Under the Direction of Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill.

EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

(Organized and in Operation as of August 1, 1923)

The Bird Banding Associations and persons interested in bird banding throughout the country will be interested to know that a new Bird Banding Association has been formed to be called the Eastern Bird Banding Association. The officers are:

President—Dr. Arthur A. Allen, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Vice-President—Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa.

Executive Secretary—Rudyard Boulton, New York City.

Secretary—Mrs. J. E. B. Webster, 16 Davis Place, East Orange, N. J.

Treasurer—Maunsell S. Crosby, Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Council—Beccher S. Bowdish, Secretary, New Jersey Audubon Society, Demarest, N. J.; Rudyard Boulton, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, New York City; H. H. Cleaves, Secretary Wild Life League of West Virginia, Clarksburg, W. Va.; John A. Gillespie, 313 Sharp Ave., Glenolden, Pa.; Richard E. Horsey, Highland Park Reservoir, Rochester, N. Y.; R. J. Middleton, Jefferson, Pa.; John T. Nichols, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, New York City; Dr. Lewis Rumford, Dupont Bldg., Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Witmer Stone, Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, Pa.

This new Association is to include a region composed of New York State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and will probably include a portion of Canada to the north, and West Virginia and probably other states to the south.

The new Association will operate under Rules and Regulations similar to those now used by the Inland Association and the New England Association, and will undertake to arouse interest in bird banding through these states in coöperation, and of course under the direction of the United States Biological Survey, as in case of the other Bird Banding Associations.

The forming of this new Association is a direct result of a meeting which was called on April 24th by the Linnean Society of New York at the American Museum of Natural History. At this meeting, besides the hundred or more persons from New York and vicinity, there were present as guests, Mr. Frederick C. Lincoln of the U. S. Biological Survey, Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin, President of the Inland Bird Banding Association, and four representatives of the New England Bird Banding Association: Dr. C. W. Townsend, President; Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher, Secretary; Mr. A. C. Bent and Mr. Charles L. Whittle.

Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Baldwin, at this meeting, gave talks on the subject of Bird Banding, illustrated by lantern slides. After this part of the program the meeting was adjourned as a meeting of the Linnean Society, but was immediately reorganized as a meeting of those present who were interested in bird banding, and the meeting then having expressed the desire to form a regional bird banding association, proceeded to form a

local committee for temporary purposes to represent New York in the forming of such a regional association.

After the adjournment of this meeting much correspondence was carried on for some three months with the persons most interested in bird banding in the states which were intended to be included, resulting in the final organization by common consent of all those interested of this new Association. The new Association has come into being and started operations with the first of August, 1923.

THE BIRDS BANDED IN INLAND DISTRICT

The following is an attempt to complete the totals of the work accomplished in our district. Letters were written to all of the permit holders in our district. From the 200 letters sent there were 51 who forwarded their lists, and 13 who replied, stating that they were unable to place any bands, making 64 answers received. We hope in the future that more of the workers will coöperate with us, so we may have a more complete report, thereby more interesting.

If the banders would kindly follow the order of the A. O. U. List in sending in reports, it would be a great convenience in making up our general reports, as when they come in all mixed up it is necessary to put them in rotation before we can start to compile the list.

The number of new species that are appearing on the list for the first time, shows that bird banding is spreading and we wish to take this opportunity to request all of the workers of the Inland District to make every effort they can to band the birds that travel the longest distances in migration, especially covering the Chimney Swift and Swallows, and other birds that go to South America.

We found it a larger task than we expected to get the report put in order, then listed to make a total district report, and it had to be done rather hurriedly as our time was short, so you will pardon any discrepancies that may appear.

A. L. Hamner, Auburn, Ala., reports—Total banded, 59, as follows: Two White-throated Sparrows, 53 Chipping Sparrows, 1 Field Sparrow, 1 Song Sparrow, 2 Brown Thrashers.

Mrs. Lotta A. Cleveland, Downer's Grove, Ill., reports—Total banded, 4, as follows: One Red-headed Woodpecker, 3 Blue Jays.

W. S. McCrea, Chicago, Ill., has a summer home on Beaver Island, in the northern part of Lake Michigan. He was joined by F. C. Lincoln and together they banded 454 Herring Gulls and 200 Caspian Terns. On a subsequent trip with his brother, S. H. McCrea, a Darien, Conn., Bird Bander, they banded 99 Common Terns and 1 Least Sandpiper, making a total of 753 birds banded.

George Roberts, Lake Forest, Ill., reports—Total banded 88, as follows: Three Red-headed Woodpeckers, 15 Blue Jays, 3 Cowbirds, 8 Grackles, 1 White-throated Sparrow, 14 Juncos, 7 Song Sparrows, 1 Cardinal, 23 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks: 5 Catbirds, 2 House Wrens, 1 Gray-cheeked Thrush, 3 Robins.

Mary B. Schumacher of Chicago, Ill., reports—Total banded 2, as follows: One Fox Sparrow, 1 Robin.